

BAPTISM PREPARATION

These sessions take place throughout the year. The next preparation session will be in February. More details will be announced soon. Please contact the office for details and to book.

RECONCILIATION

In the Sacrament of Reconciliation we encounter God's love for us through the gift of forgiveness, pardon and peace. This sacrament is regularly available in church on Saturdays after the 9.30 Mass or on request.

Children are introduced to **Reconciliation** during the year in which they make their first Holy Communion and are then invited to celebrate this sacrament of God's healing.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION

Applications are now closed for the 2025-26 programmes.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 31 Jan	9.30	St John Bosco, Priest (Memorial) MASS Betty Braganza RIP ADORATION & RECONCILIATION
	10.00	
Sun 01 Feb	16.45	ITALIAN MASS Good health of Henry & Mary Menezes
	18.00	
Sun 01 Feb	9.15	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time MASS Diana Hall RIP MASS Parishioners POLISH MASS
	11.15	
Mon 02 Feb	13.00	The Presentation of the Lord, Candlemas (Feast) MASS Joise Bates RIP
	9.30	
Tues 03 Feb	18.30	Adoration MASS In Thanksgiving
	19.30	
Wed 04 Feb	9.30	MASS Jaqueline Babweteera RIP ROSARY
	10.00	
Thurs 05 Feb	NO MASS	St Agatha, Virgin & Martyr (Memorial) NO MASS
Fri 06 Feb	9.30	St Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs of Japan (Memorial) MASS Private Intention DIVINE MERCY
	10.00	
Sat 07 Feb	9.30	MASS ADORATION & RECONCILIATION
	10.00	
Sat 07 Feb	16.45	ITALIAN MASS For the Fight Against Modern Slavery
	18.00	
Sun 08 Feb	9.15	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time MASS Sandra Colon RIP (Anniversary) & For the Fight Against Modern Slavery
	11.15	
Sun 08 Feb	9.15	MASS John Ellis RIP (Anniversary) & For the Fight Against Modern Slavery
	11.15	



30 JANUARY/1 FEBRUARY 2026



CANDLEMAS

This weekend we celebrate Candlemas, commemorating the presentation of Jesus at the temple and the purification of Mary. Often candles are blessed, symbolising Christ as the light of the world. This concludes the Christmas season, and we'll be taking down the crib after this weekend.

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

To mark World Day of the Sick, which is also the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, we will be having a special Mass on **Wednesday 11 February at 11am**. The Sacrament of the Sick, also known as the Anointing of the Sick, will also be given to those who wish to receive. This Sacrament is open to all who wish to receive it. There will be tea/coffee, cake and biscuits in the hall afterwards. There will be a "sign-up sheet" in the porch. Please indicate if you need transport. Alternatively, phone the office on 07494 749833. Please spread the word - all are welcome.

RITE OF WELCOME AND BAPTISMS

Welcome to Archie and Owen who will be welcomed into our community this weekend at the 9.15 Mass as their parents prepare for their baptisms. And this Saturday, Fr Ruslan celebrate the Baptism of Lana and Vincent Dobson. Please welcome all these children into our community, and pray for them and their families.

FRANCISCAN JUBILEE YEAR FOR 2026

Pope Leo XIV has proclaimed a special Jubilee Year, from 10 Jan 2026-10 Jan 2027 to commemorate the eight hundredth anniversary of the death of Saint Francis of Assisi. We are invited to rediscover the way of life of the Saint of Assisi: a life that is simple and essential, open to peace and respect for creation.

Thank you to Lucy Jardine, Emma Whitehead and Jane Charvetto, who are all stepping down from roles they have held at St Erconwalds for a number of years. Jane is leaving us to move back to Gibraltar, we shall certainly miss her!

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Next week's second collection will be for the Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage fund.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

We'd love some more people to serve in this important ministry. Please contact the parish office for more

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DONATIONS PAYABLE TO:

RCD A&B ST ERCONWALD'S WALTON ON THAMES.

You can also donate in church using the DONA device. Please use Gift Aid if you can. Thank you for all your help and financial contributions!

DEAR PARISHIONERS

This section of our newsletter is for those in need of our prayers, whether sick, housebound or just in need of extra prayer. If you would like your name or someone you know to be added to the list, please let the office know. If you are submitting on behalf of someone else, please seek their permission first. If you are sick or unwell and would like Fr Ruslan to know but not have your name in the newsletter, just let us know.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED FOR OUR PRAYERS

Aman Allos, Tom Asbury, Teresa Azouz, Baby Elm, Roger Blishen, Christopher Clifford and Catherine Browle, Katherine Cawley, Trish Claxton, Rose Collins, Jimmy Connaughtoin, Pat Couchman, Thérèse Crumpler, James De Leons-Hopkins, Maureen and Bill Dodds, Julia Donaldson, Manuel and Jackie Faraldo, Michael and Cathy Flynn, Carole Frost, Carmen Galanty, Sophie Giannini, Franky Goes, Gloria Gowen, Ann Griffin, the Hansford family, Michael Johnson, Karen Lane, John Lydon, Rita McGloin, Oscar Menezes, Christian Misuraca, Sarah Mitchell, Maureen Moriarty, Colleen Murphy, Louise Nettleton, Arlo Nolan, Fr Sebastian Paul, Ben Piltsher, Shirley Rhodes, Deborah Russell, Evie Sagun, Anna Sartori, Michael Spears, Michelle Thomas, Eileen White, Angela Widdup, Dina Yates.

HOME VISITS

Fr Ruslan would like to meet parishioners who are too poorly to come to church at different times throughout the year in their homes. Do reach out to Susana in the office, Ann Meehan or Fr Ruslan so we can schedule visits.

WEEKDAY READERS

If you are a reader, or would like to read, we are looking for people for the weekday and Saturday masses. With enough volunteers, it would be once every 3-4 weeks. If interested, please speak to Helen McHugh after Mass or contact the parish office.

YOUTH MASSES

Our next youth-led Mass is **Saturday 7 February** at 6pm. All are welcome to come along and participate.

TODDLER PRAISE AND PLAY GROUP

The toddler group next meets on **Friday February 13** at 10am. We'll be celebrating all things St Valentine! Parents, grandparents and your toddlers are very welcome. If you think you can help on an occasional basis, please contact the parish office.

COMMUNICATIONS TEAM - HELP NEEDED

We are a small team, working on our newsletter, website and social media. If anyone is interested helping out, please contact Lucy Jardine on 07740 461 785. Full training provided!

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE PARTY

Join us for our Annual Pancake Party on Tues 17th Feb 3.30-5pm in the Church Hall. Tickets at <https://sterconwalds.churchsuite.com/events/fugjlvnl> All money raised will go towards the Easter Egg Hunt and activities for the children of our community.

LENTEN SMALL FAITH-SHARING GROUPS

Five sessions on Wednesday mornings/Thursday evenings will include scripture, prayers and a reflection, starting on 25/26 February. Sign up here for Wednesday morning sessions: <https://sterconwalds.churchsuite.com/events/lwbzql9k> or here for the Thursday evening sessions: <https://sterconwalds.churchsuite.com/events/mfzrragw> or see the sign up sheet in the porch.

LENTEN PARISH DIVINE MERCY DAY RETREAT

The Marian Fathers will once again be leading us in a Lenten retreat this year. We are still finalising the timings, and more information will follow, but do put **Saturday 21 March** in your diaries.

LENT CALENDAR

Our Lent calendar will be out shortly with details of all that will take place, including our Lenten soup lunches and parish reconciliation service, to help us prepare for the holiest of weeks and celebrations.

THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER AND AWARENESS AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING – 8 FEBRUARY

“Peace Begins with Dignity: A Global Call to End Human Trafficking,” draws inspiration from Pope Leo XIV’s powerful reminder that true peace is gentle and humble, born of love, and sustained where human dignity is upheld. The exploitation and objectification of people through trafficking fundamentally destroy the foundations of peace and justice.

EXCITING NEWS! ST ERCONWALD PILGRIMAGE TO SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA, 9-16 JUNE

Join us for this 8 day spiritual journey. Pilgrims will walk the 100km at their own pace. This journey will take you through beautiful landscapes, historic churches, and significant religious sites, culminating at the magnificent Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela. Contact the office for more information or see the church website.

LOOKING AHEAD

On Easter Sunday there will be a second collection for the HCPT pilgrimage trust Group 24. HCPT organises pilgrimages to Lourdes for disabled and disadvantaged children.

TODDLER PRAISE AND PLAY GROUP

The toddler group would like to meet more frequently - **we need a couple more helpers**. It involves getting the toys out beforehand, spending time with (grand)parents and tidying away together afterwards. If you think you can help every once in a while please do get in touch with the parish office.

OTHER/DIOCESAN NEWS/EVENTS

NATIONAL BOARD OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

Talk by Dr Phyllis Zagano, Thursday 26 February at 6.30pm. Phyllis Zagano is an American author and academic. She was a member of the 2016-2018 Papal Commission for the Study of the Diaconate of Women. She is known for her knowledge and extensive research on the history of women deacons: a cause which she ardently supports. <https://sueschurchpage.blogspot.com/2026/01/february-2026-newsletter-from-arundel.html>

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

Dates have now been announced. Please visit the diocesan website for details.

DIOCESAN TRAINING DAYS

There are various diocesan training days, including mental health training. Visit the diocesan website for details: <https://abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/ibgv7xjz>

COMMUNICATIONS

Please send any newsletter/website/porch/social media items or any amendments to: comms.sterconwalds@gmail.com by Thursday at 2pm for inclusion/uploading as appropriate. All feedback is welcome.

SAFEGUARDING

If you wish to work with children or vulnerable adults in our parish please contact Tina O’Kelly, our Safeguarding Rep for volunteers: tina@okellynet.com. See our website for further details.

VOLUNTEERING

Volunteers are such a huge part of our parish and we would love to welcome anyone who wishes to get involved as we grow together as a faith community and reach out to those around us. See here for details: <https://www.sterconwalds.org.uk/get-involved.html>

YOUR OFFERINGS

PLATE COLLECTIONS FOR JANUARY: £1249.93

STANDING ORDERS FOR JANUARY: TBC

THANK YOU!

SAVE THE DATES!

7 FEB: YOUTH-LED MASS
11 FEB: WORLD DAY OF THE SICK CARE MASS
17 FEB: PANCAKE PARTY
21 MAR: DIVINE MERCY RETREAT